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SUBJECT: TURKISH ADMINISTRATION'S PLANS FOR INDEPENDENT WATER/  
AND ELECTRIC POWER SYSTEM

REF: A) NICOSIA 3663; B) FBIS TA181550Z OCT 74

1. AN INTERESTING FOOTNOTE TO OUR CONVERSATION OCTOBER 18 WITH UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (UNDP) REPRESENTATIVE PAVICIC (REF A) IS ANNOUNCEMENT CARRIED IN FBIS (REF B) CONCERNING "AUTONOMOUS TURKISH CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION" EFFORTS TO PRESS AHEAD WITH CREATION OF INDEPENDENT WATER AND ELECTRIC POWER INFRA-STRUCTURE FOR TURK-CONTROLLED REGION.

2. IN INTERVIEW OCTOBER 18 DR. KENAN ATAKOL, IDENTIFIED AS RECENTLY APPOINTED "MINISTER OF POWER AND NATURAL RESOURCES OF AUTONOMOUS TURKISH CYPRIOT ADMINISTRATION", SAID THAT PRIORITY ISSUE FOR TURKISH ADMINISTRATION IS "TO MAKE TURKISH SECTOR OF ISLAND COMPLETELY INDEPENDENT INSOFAR AS ITS ENERGY NEEDS AND WATER SUPPLY ARE CONCERNED." ACCORDING TO ATAKOL, MINISTRY  
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WILL ALSO INCLUDE DEPARTMENTS OF FORESTRY, METEROLOGY AND

POSSIBLY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION. FOUNDATIONS ALREADY LAID, HE CLAIMED, FOR FUEL DEPOTS AND POWER STATION. ONE OF MAIN OBJECTIVES WILL BE TO ACHIEVE "NATURAL LINK BETWEEN CYPRUS AND TURKEY THROUGH A WATER PIPELINE".

3. COMMENT: IMPORTANCE OF THIS ANNOUNCEMENT LIES IN FACT THAT WATER AND ELECTRIC POWER ARE TWO UTILITIES WHICH, DESPITE BITTER DISPUTES BETWEEN GREEK AND TURK CYPRIOTS, HAVE BEEN ADMINISTERED BY CENTRAL AUTHORITY SINCE 1960. IN ANY FUTURE FEDERAL SYSTEM (BI-ZONAL OR MULTI-ZONAL) THEY WOULD LOGICALLY BE FUNCTIONS RESERVED TO CENTRAL GOVERNMENT. CREATION OF INDEPENDENT TURK CYPRIOT CAPABILITY IN THESE SERVICES WILL MAKE TURKS EVEN LESS INTERESTED IN A TRULY FEDERAL ARRANGEMENT AND ADD TO MOMENTUM FOR COMPLETE SEPARATION. CRAWFORD

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